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## Grade inflation: A 'complicated situation'

By Mark Mulik  
Campus Editor

As a general belief at higher education institutions around the nation, the grade of C is no longer considered average. A number of problems have caused "grade inflation" by having the C replaced by the B as the accepted average grade.

"It's a very complicated situation," said Dr. Steven Gale, director of the honors program at Missouri Southern, "for one has to define grade inflation."

"Some faculty grade all their classes on a curve," said Gale. "Some feel the average grade is too high; expectations are different here than they would be at Princeton, Stanford, or another 'Ivy League' institution. The expectation here is that a B is average."

Gale said if the College determines what grade inflation is, then it must reiterate that a C grade is average, not a negative grade. He said all grades would have to be redefined as to what value they would represent.

"Over the years, from elementary schools to institutions of higher education, the public has wanted students to be successful in education," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "Pressures are brought to bear for elementary schools, high schools, and college institutions to grade high. And there has been a parallel increase in grades."

"Grades are given by faculty, not department heads or deans," said Belk. "It's one of the freedoms the faculty members deem important—to give students the grade the faculty see fit. This will only change if 200 faculty members agree."

"Putting it evasively," said Dr. Lanny Ackiss, president of the Faculty Senate, "grades are higher than they ought to be."

He said the factors as to why grades are high were difficult to fully explain because grade inflation is not confined to any one institution.

"Possibly, it began in the Vietnam era," said Ackiss. "Some faculty at the time believed that to fail a student was to send him to Vietnam. That's when grade inflation might have started."

"Another reason for grade inflation is that a bachelor's degree used to be all a person needed to get a job. Now, a student needs to go on to professional schools (to get higher degrees); and students need to get good grades to get in. It puts pressure on the system."

"Another thing—some people believe that for faculty to get good evaluations, they need to give students good grades—out of fear."

Ackiss said the College needs to assess

the problem of grade inflation. He said it could be possible to say grade inflation is not a problem.

"If everyone, at every institution, gave a B as an average grade, then it would be wrong for us at Missouri Southern to give the average student a C."

Ackiss said he believes it is harder to differentiate between the grade-point averages of honors students because of the inflated system.

"Instructors should not be compelled to have their class grade average equal to the grade average of the course," said Ackiss.

He said there is no quick, easy solution to grade inflation. Ackiss said if the "sample courses," or courses which almost automatically give the student an A are eliminated, then grade inflation would be eliminated.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, associate professor of sociology, did a study on grade averages at the College in 1983. He compared average grades, by department, of students at Joplin Junior College 25 years ago to those of students at Southern in 1983.

"I was interested first in the sociology department," said Gubera.

But as Gubera researched further into the study, he examined the average grade-point averages of all the departments, comparing the GPA's of the departments, one to the other. Gubera said he discovered the sociology department was no tougher in grading than any other department on campus. He said, by department, the course GPA's were all between 2.0 and 2.5.

Also in his study, Gubera discovered, comparing grades now to those of 25 years ago, grades have inflated.

"There are a few more A's, a lot more B's, a lot less C's and D's, and a few less F's," said Gubera. "The B grade has been the most inflated."

Gubera said one of the reasons for the increase in grade averages is students are smarter now. He said this has come about also since teachers are "better."

"Wide variations of instructors' methodology complement grade increases in students," said Gubera.

Gubera also said "performance-based courses," such as band, football, and cheerleading, rather than "academic, rigorous courses," were a cause of increased higher grades. He said if someone in a performance-based course did all the specified work and had good attendance, he/she should receive a high grade.

"Maybe 'grade inflation' is a wrong concept," said Gubera. "Grades have just risen."



### CBHE meets

(Top) Monteria Hightower, state librarian, takes notes during the recent meeting of the CBHE as Stephen Dougherty, deputy commissioner, listens. (Above) Henry Clapper, CBHE chairman, discusses a point with Shaila Aery, CBHE commissioner.

## Self-study is in editing stage

After more than six months of committee work, the self-study for Missouri Southern is in the final editing stage.

According to Don Seneker, chairman of the steering committee, the self-study is "well on its way to being done."

"It will be done before the end of this semester," said Seneker. "Hopefully, we'll have it to the printer in a few more weeks, and then distribute it this summer."

The completed copy of the report will be sent to members of the North Central Association accreditation committee who will visit Southern next fall. The self-study will be used by the committee members to better acquaint themselves with the College, and to see if it is doing what it states. The actual members of the committee have not yet been named.

Currently, a committee consisting of Seneker, Edith Compton, Beverly Culwell, and Delores Honey are reviewing the study and preparing the final

version.

"The four of us meet each week, but Edith Compton will have final responsibility," said Seneker.

For the first time, the sections completed by each sub-committee were submitted on computer disks. Seneker said there were "no problems with the disks." Wordstar, a word-processing program, is being used.

An early version of the self-study was presented to College President Julio Leon for approval and suggestions.

"I was very much pleased," said Leon. "It was very positive, a good reflection of what is happening here."

Seneker agrees: "I am very pleased with the instrument. We're all pleased with the progress and quality of the work by each of the committees."

"The study reflects a positive attitude on campus," he said. "People on campus are proud of the College."

## Colleges could get \$25 million from return

By Pat Halverson  
Editor-in-chief

Major budget problems faced by Missouri's colleges and universities may be lessened by a Missouri Senate decision concerning windfall tax revenue.

A plan to hold a statewide election in June to let taxpayers decide what to do with windfall tax revenues was dropped by Democrat Senate leaders last Thursday, but the House also must agree to drop the election plan.

Approximately \$50 million of the windfall revenue gained from changes in federal tax laws would have to be returned to taxpayers to prevent Missouri's Hancock Amendment from being triggered. No decision has been made for the balance of the windfall money.

"It has looked very bleak the last couple of weeks," said Shaila Aery, commissioner for higher education. "Discussion of the budget has dominated the House and Senate, and will continue to dominate until the budget is settled."

Estimated state budget revenue figures for fiscal year 1988, show total revenue at \$3,462,122,141 without the federal tax windfall. Of that figure, \$3,300,500,000 is obligated to department core requests, court-ordered payments for Kansas City and St. Louis, and emergency and supplemental increases, leaving a balance of \$161,622,141 available for appropriation.

Deductions for the public debt, department of revenue, social services, corrections, mental health, and other obligations leave \$47,222,141.

Planned increases for elementary and secondary education are \$20 million, and slightly over \$11 million for higher education—about one-third of Gov. Ashcroft's recommendation. A balance of \$16,022,141 would be available for all other programs.

Of the \$11 million increase available for higher education, \$1.2 million has been earmarked to establish St. Charles Community College. Half of the remaining money is reserved for the University of Missouri system, with the other half divided among all other state colleges and universities.

Missouri Southern could expect to receive a 1 to 1½ per cent increase in funding for fiscal year 1988. College Presi-

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## Regional university to change mission

Northeast Missouri State will phase-out old programs, develop new ones

By Mark Ernstmann  
Executive Manager

In an effort to create a statewide liberal arts university, Northeast Missouri State University is changing its mission, and has submitted the plan for approval to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

The statute which established Northeast's new mission stated the institution's Board of Governors should submit a "three-year plan outlining admissions requirements, fees, and program changes appropriate to a liberal arts and sciences mission" to the CBHE.

Since the change in mission will call for he phase-out of old programs and the development of new ones, Northeast voluntarily chose to extend its plan to five years. Located in Kirksville, Northeast is one of five regional universities in the state.

The university is planning a complete restructuring of its academic programs. Approximately 115 degree programs and their related options have been discontinued. The remaining 69 undergraduate and graduate programs have experienced change.

Included in these changes is the termination of all its current programming in teacher education at the undergraduate and graduate levels. This programming was waived in favor of the development of a fifth-year master's program. As a prerequisite for the master's program, one must complete a standard undergraduate liberal arts major.

Due to the restructuring, the university is expecting major shifts in internal enrollment patterns among its remaining majors that will affect many students. Due to these shifts, approximately 73 full-time equivalent faculty positions have been realigned.

"It's a most exciting, substantive, and quality change," said Shaila Aery, Missouri commissioner for higher education. "I think we are on the road. We started at zero, and now we are starting to go forward."

The plan also includes an evaluation process that will build on Northeast's existing assessment program. The university was the first in the state to implement such a program.

"The changes are not cosmetic," said Aery. "Northeast will be considered a new institution. The change in mission, in ef-

fect, created a new institution. The changes were radical."

Since the CBHE received the plan, the staff has met with representatives from Northeast to discuss and analyze the provisions of the document. The CBHE's analysis is nearly complete, but until Northeast's Board of Governors acts on the final version of the plan, the CBHE will not make a recommendation.

"There is no doubt it's a better document due to the CBHE," said Dr. Charles McClain, president of Northeast.

According to McClain, by working with the CBHE, the document is better defined and more clear.

The CBHE anticipates having a final recommendation prepared for its April meetings. Those meetings will be held in Chillicothe.

For now, the CBHE has recommended referring Northeast's plan for implementing its new mission to the committee of academic and library affairs for its consideration and action as soon as the plan has been finalized.

"We are extremely pleased," said McClain. "Actually, we are just beginning to implement the changes. It's very exciting."



### Outdoor fun

Temperatures in the 60s this week brought many students outdoors. Playing Frisbee was one of the more popular activities. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)



## Alumni seek nominations

Committee may award four to six individuals

Currently accepting nominations, the awards committee of the Missouri Southern Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 1987 Outstanding Alumni Award.

"For the spirit of the 50th anniversary celebration, this may be the first year that the award will be given to more than one individual," said Mitchell Walker, chairman of the awards committee. "There certainly are enough capable and deserving graduates and past students of the College that we can recognize."

Walker said the committee may select anywhere between four to six outstanding alumni.

Last week the committee sent out letters to the College president, Board of Regents, Board of Trustees, the Missouri Southern Foundation, Alumni Association members, faculty, and retired faculty for nominations.

The committee will accept nominations until Tuesday.

Nominees should be a graduate or former student of Joplin Junior College, Jasper County Junior College, or Southern, and should have completed their studies at least 12 years ago. Nominees should also have attained outstanding achievements in their chosen field and made significant contributions to benefit and serve their community, state, or nation.

"We will take all the nominations from the current and past years," said Walker. "In any given year we receive many nominations of those we feel would be qualified to receive the Outstanding Alumni Award."

According to Walker, the awards committee will have its selections made by the end of April. This allows five to six months for the alumni to make plans to be on campus to receive the award, since this is one of the requirements.

The Outstanding Alumni Award will be presented during the Homecoming week.

Nominations can be given to the director of alumni affairs.



Study time Sharon Graskemper takes advantage of the warm weather to study behind the dormitories. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Senate review continues

Research into current requirements falls short

Continuation of a review of general education requirements at Missouri Southern dominated Monday's Faculty Senate discussion.

Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, reported on the progress of the general education committee's effort to examine current requirements and establish future goals for Southern's education programs.

### Faculty Senate

Recent research conducted by the general education committee compared Southern's general education programs to those of 26 other colleges and universities in an attempt to cite strengths and weaknesses in Southern's programs. The results of the research did not provide the committee with the desired information about Southern's strengths and weaknesses.

"We were looking for what is going on in education today," said Belk. "The research did not work out as well as expected."

According to Belk, research on education programs over the past 25 years has focused on specific courses needed in education. During the last 10 years, the focus has expanded to include not just course content, but the actual knowledge gained and how students are able to put the information they have together.

The general education committee is now in the process of examining six areas of knowledge referred to as "irreducible desirable educational goals." Those areas include communication, critical thinking, clarifying values, science and technology, arts, and functioning within social institutions. The committee will attempt to measure Southern's success in meeting educational goals and suggest possible changes in education requirements for the College.

"It might be at least another year before we can bring this back to the Senate for approval," said Belk.

Results of recent COMP tests are expected to be an asset in determining areas which might need improvement.

"The COMP tests we have just completed tended to show us a little more specifically where our strengths lie," said Belk.

In other business, the Senate discussed naming faculty members to a grievance policy hearing panel, and the possibility of sending out a letter in the fall to announce promotions of faculty members.

Dr. Lanny Ackiss, president of the Senate, presented promotion statistics showing the concurrence between the promotion committee and the administration.

The annual Honors Convocation has been set for 11 a.m. April 29.

## Conference examines mandatory AIDS testing

By Kevin Keller  
Staff Writer

With AIDS rapidly spreading, a major concern now faces the U.S. government and society.

Missouri health officials recently attended a Centers for Disease Control conference in Atlanta to study the issue of mandatory testing. The public would be required to have the AIDS test before marriage, during pregnancy, and upon admittance to a hospital.

"Problem one of such a plan is cost effectiveness," said Dr. John Bagby, director of the division of environmental health

and epidemiology.

The estimated cost for all the proposed testing would cost the state \$18 million a year. Bagby said AIDS is still so rare in the general population that mandatory testing would produce few positive results.

While some identify AIDS as part of life in the big cities on the coasts, 205 cases have been reported in Missouri. Out of those, 93 have died.

Fifty-two cases were reported in 1985 compared with 92 the following year. Dr. Robert Harmon, director of the Missouri department of health, expects at least 160 new AIDS cases this year and 250 in 1988. "We're still rapidly going up," Harmon

said. "We have not peaked."

Testing positive to AIDS doesn't always mean the individual develops the symptoms and dies, but one is still a carrier and can transmit the disease.

Harmon does favor voluntary testing of high-risk groups such as homosexual men and intravenous drug users.

A mandatory plan has been proposed in the Kansas legislature, but nothing has been introduced in the current Missouri session.

"Whether it is ever desirable or not is a question of ethics," said Bagby. "Sometimes heroic measures are necessary to control an epidemic."

Harmon does favor a Centers for Disease Control plan to require AIDS testing in venereal disease clinics because it could help reach high-risk groups.

The Missouri department of health is now spending around \$500,000 a year on a program to fight AIDS through public education, counseling, and free blood testing at 14 sites across Missouri. Springfield is the closest site to the Joplin area.

"Spending \$18 million a year just isn't cost effective at this point," said Bagby. "Resources now are to a better advantage directed toward informing and educating the public about AIDS."

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dent Julio Leon describes this scenario as "bleak."

Presidents of Missouri's colleges and universities met with Marvin Proffer, chairman of the House appropriations committee, last Thursday. Leon said he was "encouraged" that the windfall revenue might be made available to the state.

If the windfall revenue is used by the state, total available revenue would increase to approximately \$3,685,022,141, with \$334,522,141 available for appropriation. After all designated expenditures, \$206,922,141 would be available for other program enhancement and core restoration.

The state's higher education system would most likely receive an additional \$20-\$25 million from this figure. This is the figure that is encouraging to Leon and other college presidents.

It has been announced that the CBHE will hold its September meeting in Joplin.

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# Elliott tours Orient

Agricultural group studies Far East markets

By Pat Halverson  
Editor-in-chief

Recently returning from an international seminar with the ALOT (Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow) program, State Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) brought home a better understanding of other cultures.

Elliott and other ALOT members toured Korea, China, and Japan in an effort to become acquainted with other countries and international agricultural markets.

The group began its tour in Korea, where Elliott met the Speaker for the Korean General Assembly.

"Because of student demonstrations and the political situation, we were pretty well restricted to certain areas," Elliott said.

The highlight of a visit to China was the presentation of a painting by Carthage artist Lowell Davis to the vice-minister of the Ministry of Agriculture for the Chinese people.

"They were very impressed with the painting," said Elliott. "It was hung in the Hall of the People among art displays from all over China."

In return for the gift, ALOT members were given special treatment.

"I was treated like a U.S. Senator on a state visit," Elliott said. "It was just wonderful—I was impressed. We were allowed to go into areas where foreigners have not been allowed before. There were villagers in those areas who had never seen foreigners."

The group was also given information about Chinese agricultural production

which is not public knowledge.

"They admitted that they are not accomplishing what they have said they were," said Elliott. "They are not producing as much, and the quality is not there."

According to Elliott, the Chinese are interested in improving the quality of their diet, but are not reaching their goal. Dietetic changes will not include the type of foods Americans eat.

"It (the dietary change) has to fit into their culture and society," Elliott said.

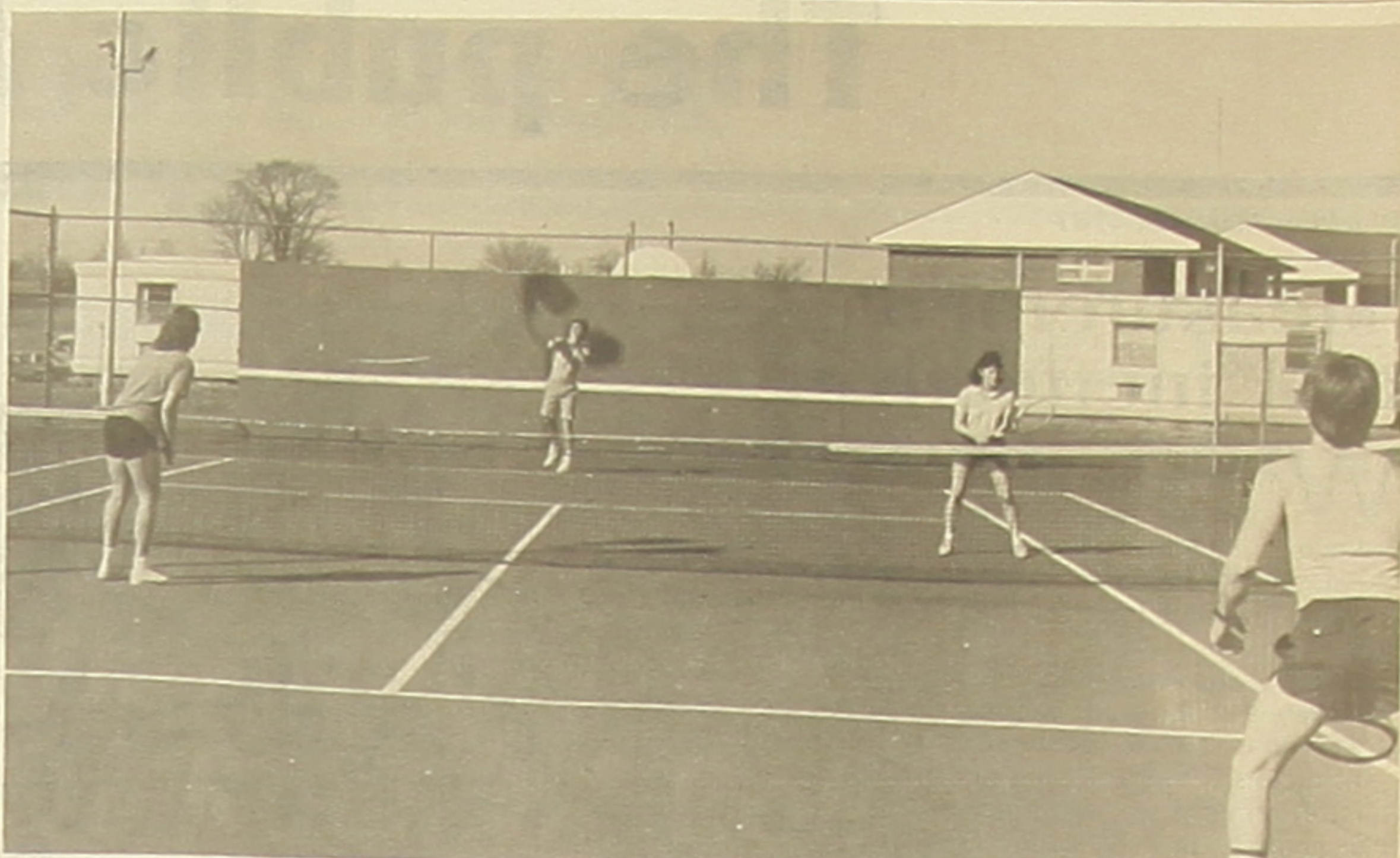
The China visit gave Elliott another view of the Chinese people.

"It gave me a different and better understanding of what the Chinese are like, and will help us as far as helping our markets there," he said. "I feel that is where our development and capabilities for trade will come from."

In Japan, the ALOT delegation met business people which the state of Missouri has been working with to develop trade and industry. While Elliott was in Japan, the Isetan Corporation, a department store and food chain, finalized plans with Petroskey's, a Missouri-based food and restaurant company, to bring bagels into the country for sale.

Elliott said although he enjoyed the tour, he brought back a new appreciation for the United States.

"The people there looked at us as though we were wealthy," Elliott said. "To be an American means we have a tremendous amount of wealth that money will never measure up to. You can't experience that feeling until you leave the country and come back. It has given me a new appreciation of the rights we have. It's wonderful to be back home."



Afternoon game

Taking a break from studies, four residence hall students play an afternoon game of doubles on the dormitory courts. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Positions open in school of business

### Southern will fill vacancies in finance, economics, and marketing

Opening three faculty positions in the school of business, the College intends to introduce a new position in finance and fill two empty positions in marketing and economics.

The finance position, an endowed chair, is funded by J.R. Kuhn's estate. The holder of the chair will instruct courses in financial management, investments, and capitalization, said Dr. John Tiede, dean of the school of business. He said applicants should have a doctorate in finance and an "excellent" teaching

record.

Tiede said he would like to add a new course, called Financial Institutions, to the list of others to be taught by the chair holder.

The opening for the marketing instructor is for the replacement of a one-year, temporary instructor of marketing. The economics position is open due to the end of the term of a one-year, temporary instructor of economics.

"Primarily, we're wanting to strengthen our finance portion of the curriculum in

the school of business," said Tiede. "With the major of economics and finance, it's more economics than finance. I would like to bring that more into balance."

Tiede said applications would be accepted for all three positions until the end of March. He said he hoped to have the openings filled by April 15.

Instructors selected would begin teaching in the fall 1987 semester.

All three openings would be for full-time teaching positions.

## Vo-tech contest to be held

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) will hold its annual district contest next week at Missouri Southern.

Vocational and technical schools from the area and Springfield will be in attendance on Thursday, March 12.

The students will compete in vo-tech and leadership competitions.

The vo-tech contests will include auto body, auto mechanics, architectural and machine drafting, precision machining, electronic product servicing, electronics technology, carpentry, job skills, and nursing assistance.

The leadership contests cover the areas of speech writing, public speaking, and job interviews.

The students will begin their day with an opening ceremony at 8 a.m. in Taylor Auditorium. The day's winners will receive their awards at the closing ceremony at 3 p.m.

The schools participating include Carthage Vo-Tech, Franklin Vo-Tech, Graff Vo-Tech (Springfield), Lamar Vo-Tech, Monett Vo-Tech, Nevada Vo-Tech, Reeds Spring Vo-Tech, and Webb City High School.



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## 'Measurement tool' ineffective

While a plus/minus grading system might be viewed by some as a "finer measurement tool" to distinguish between students, unless those measurements are reflected in grade-point averages and on transcripts, the tool has little value.

Students who receive borderline grades are aware that the grade is at the upper or lower end of a grade category.

Instructors who grade on a numerical point system can see with a glance into their grade book if the student is A- or B+. Many instructors who use letter grades already give plus and minus grades.

When grades are averaged at the end of a semester, what tool is going to be used to decide whether borderline cases should get a B+ or an A-?

The proposed grading system would at least add seven additional grades. An A+ should not be used, since it would seem to indicate perfection. An F is failing whether or not it has a plus or minus attached. If a main concern behind the proposal is that too many A's are given, it seems more logical to raise standards in the classroom than to attach a plus or minus.

The time and lengthy process necessary to make the refining and defining of minute differences in grades a standard at Missouri Southern is hardly worth the effort.

## Rights violation is basic issue

Missouri Southern's "smoldering social question," as it is referred to in yesterday's edition of *The Joplin Globe*, can be expanded to include other problems in the Lions' Den.

Students should not have to be exposed to side bets on pool games (gambling is against the law). No one should have to put up with tobacco chewers spitting in a paper cup. If the video games were taken out, students who wanted to study would not have their senses assaulted by the strange noises emitting from the machines.

When are we going to make men take off their ball caps or establish a dress code which promotes an atmosphere conducive to learning? Shouldn't women wear dresses, and men slacks and ties?

Smoking or not smoking is not the issue, but the violation of rights involved. Smoking, like noise or wearing baseball caps, is not against the law, therefore smokers should not be treated as though they are breaking the law. Common courtesy, from smokers and non-smokers alike, should be the rule.

### Letters to the Editor:

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall Room 117 by noon Friday for publication in the next week's edition. Letters must be typed and signed, and should not contain more than 500 words.



### Editor's Column:

## Publication of yearbook not easy

By JoAnn Hollis  
Managing Editor

Recently, as I was having lunch in the Lions' Den, I overheard a group of students make some derogatory remarks about the yearbook—unaware that the editor (me) was seated at the table next to them. I didn't hear all that was said and there really wasn't much said, but the fact remains that most students do not appreciate the work that goes into the publication of a yearbook—neither did I until I was thrust in the middle of it. As the final deadline for this year's book rapidly approaches, it only seems fitting that I air my frustrations over its completion.

In the spring of last year I was approached with

the idea that I should be editor of this year's *Crossroads*. Having never worked on a yearbook before, with the exception of a small amount of photography in high school, I thought—how tough can it be? It didn't take long to find out. Lack of time, space, and photographs quickly came to the forefront.

During the summer I did some preparatory work on the book and at the beginning of the fall semester I was fairly confident that things would go well. It didn't take long to find out otherwise.

Everyone was enthusiastic at first and many turned out for the initial staff meeting and wanted to help. As the year progressed, however, many of these people dropped by the wayside. I realize this was partially my fault because I was not in constant contact with these individuals and I too easily delayed working on the yearbook due to my preoccupation with my work on *The Chart* staff. Luckily some were persistent enough to keep in contact with me, and I appreciate that because these people were a big help.

As is usually the case, those who stayed around

to help with the book were people with as many obligations as I have. We soon discovered that it was nearly impossible to find a time when we could all meet to work on the book, so it came down to "make it when you can."

This schedule was acceptable in the beginning, but now that the situation is "do or die," things have changed. A few of us can be found in the office at all hours of the day and night trying to finish what we started.

Adding to our difficulties was a lack of space. Anyone who has seen the *Crossroads* office is well aware of what I am speaking of. Our current office is a closet, literally. The cubicle we occupy was designed to be a closet, then it was made into an office. The only functional way to utilize this space is for storage—no actual work can be accomplished there. This means that anytime we work we must cart all our paraphernalia next door to *The Chart* office, which is already small and cluttered

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### In Perspective:

## Continuing education serves many

By Dr. Jerry Williams  
Director of Continuing Education

One of the more confusing components of higher education is that of continuing education. Much of the confusion in regard to continuing education can be attributed to its rather broad purpose, its attempt to serve multiple audiences, and its approach to adult learning.

The purpose of continuing education is that of enhancing the quality of human life from both personal and social perspectives. In pursuing its purpose, continuing education develops programs, courses, workshops, and seminars designed to help individuals improve skills related to their work, daily living, and interpersonal relationships. Additionally, it attempts to help people to discover a sense of meaning in their lives. This search for meaning is facilitated through the provision of learning environments

designed to help people achieve personal creativity as well as appreciate the satisfaction that comes with excellence, whether it be within one of the arts or mastering the skills necessary for enjoying the beauty of a wilderness surrounding.

The audience that continuing education serves is varied but essentially adult. Preferably, the approach to adult learning within most continuing education courses approaches what Malcolm Knowles refers to as the "andragogical model." The model is based upon the premise that adult learners have already achieved self-concepts of being responsible for their own lives, and have become self-directed. It also assumes that adult learners become ready to learn when they have self-recognized needs to know something that will help them to be more effective in particular aspects of their lives.

The implication of these assumptions are that course offerings should be life oriented and as a consequence offerings such as "confidence through speaking" and "math for industrial use" may be noted on a continuing education schedule. Additionally, since the adult learner is more self-directed, the courses usually build upon a climate of collaboration, trust, experience, and openness. It is not unusual to find that a continuing educa-

tion teacher often is more of a facilitator of learning than an instructor. Consequently, the structure of a continuing education class is more informal, and discussion oriented. Emphasis may be placed upon raising questions, attempting to recognize problems and trying to determine their solvability or insolvability.

A continuing education class can be a demanding class. In order to reach particular levels of discussion and questioning more self-directed research and reading may be required between sessions in a facilitator-oriented course than in an instructor-oriented course.

The means of delivering a continuing education class may vary from the norm. With the demands placed upon adult students today, the traditional class setting can not always meet adult learners' needs. However, technology offers fantastic opportunities for self-directed learning. Broadcast and cable television, video tape, audio tape, and computer-interfaced media will increasingly be utilized in continuing education as a partial means of delivery with the telephone serving as a major direct communication link between the student and the teacher.

### Letters to the Editor:



## Editorial 'lacking several important aspects'

The editorial, "Games Interfere," which appeared in the February 19th issue of *The Chart*, was attacking a subject in which the author did not have the necessary information to write an accurate grievance. The editorial was lacking several important aspects concerning athletics and education which makes the entire editorial weak and ineffective.

First, the college athlete understands, when he signs his letter of intent to play collegiate athletics, that he is taking on two big responsibilities: to get a quality education and to use his natural ability to become the best athlete that he can be. Every athlete realizes that with the sometimes rigorous practice schedules, he must work harder in the classrooms to keep up. He understands that his afternoons and sometimes evenings will be utilized for practice and therefore he must budget his time accordingly to get his homework done. The athlete also understands that at times he will miss classes and must prepare before hand to get the required work

done. The editorial's remark, "How can they [receive *sic*] an education" if they are consistently missing class?" is erroneous in the fact that athletes are receiving *sic* an education because they must work that much harder to get the work done for the classes that they miss.

Secondly, MSSC is in a conference and—as in the case with the baseball and softball teams—a district in which we must play other schools a certain amount of times. Unfortunately, for the author of the other editorial, these schools do not reside in a close radius from Joplin, and therefore travel is required for us to play them. It is true that there are ways to schedule these travel games on weekends so as not to interfere with classes, but there are not enough weekends in a regular season to accommodate all the games that must, and want, to be played. If we are going to have quality athletic teams that can compete with the other schools, we must play these schools and have those schedules. Therefore traveltime *sic* is required and

athletes may miss classes.

I believe that every coach and administrator in the athletic department attempts every year to devise a schedule where athletes will miss the fewest classes. And as an athlete, and a Honors student, I can say that they have succeeded. The football team missed one day of classes last year for one conference game in Nebraska. The basketball team combines their longest road trips together on the weekends to minimize missing class. And Coach Warren Turner (baseball) has devised a schedule where the baseball team plays around 50 games and only 13 will interfere with classes.

The athletes of MSSC were understandably upset with that editorial. It was obviously written from a non-athlete's point of view and therefore criticized that which was not fully understood by the author.

Jim Kreissler

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## Bank vice president is loyal Southern fan

If rumors are true, then Harry Greninger bleeds green everytime his skin is broken.

Greninger, vice president of operations at Joplin Mercantile Bank, is believed to be the greatest Missouri Southern athletic fan. He joined the College's booster club, the Lionbackers, in 1970. From 1972-80 he served as club secretary-treasurer.

During his time as a Lionbacker officer, club membership soared from 65 to 285.

"I have helped in the Lionbacker Tournament," Greninger said. "I had a chance to work with Chuck (Head Coach Williams) and Ron (Assistant Coach Ellis) and bring in top NAIA teams to play in that annual tournament."

Greninger also has sold tickets to football games and helped Williams with scouting of high school talent. He travels extensively to Southern road contests.

"I might have missed three or four games this year," he said. "The only reason I didn't make it (to the Missouri Western-Wayne State road series) was because of the weather."

"When my son was about three, we followed the team pretty much everywhere they went," he added.

Don Miller, executive vice president at Mercantile Bank, remembers when Williams would have Greninger at press conferences or other public gatherings.

"He (Williams) would refer to Harry as his assistant coach because he traveled so much with the team," Miller said. "At the beginning of the season, he always has them (Southern) going 20-4 or 21-5."

"He is always optimistic and hangs with them regardless."

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student affairs at Southern, calls Greninger a "staunch supporter of Southern."

"Harry has been a loyal supporter of the College and the athletics," Dolence said. "He doesn't miss many games, home or away."

Greninger admits he has had his favorite players at Southern.

"Russell Bland—he was dominating," Greninger said. "If he had not got his knees banged up, we could have very well been the national champion."

While Greninger mentioned Bland first, he has several other Lions players he thinks were good.

"Cicero Lassiter had more talent than anyone else," he said. "John Thomas—he got things done. He did more with a little bit of talent than anyone."

Greninger said his all-Lions team would consist of Bland, Thomas, Roland Martin, Greg Garton, and Carl Tyler.

"I'm proud of Missouri Southern College," Greninger said. "I've had an opportunity to work with the athletic department to see kids come in and not think they're going to make it four years. It's good to see them go out with a better outlook on life. When I see a kid graduate, it's like losing a member of my family."

Greninger started working in banking in 1954 as a teller. He had been working for a printing company when a friend told him there was an opening at the bank.

"I didn't think I could do it," he said. "W.F. Reynolds (former bank president) said 'You're hired.' The only thing I haven't worked in is the loans."

Greninger remembers when his bank decided to switch to using computers.

"We went into the computers in about 1962," he said. "We had to write our own programs. We wrote our programs in the old Cunningham Building."

It was during the time the bank was busy developing its new program that Greninger spent 55 days working on a grand jury.

"We had everything from prostitution to counterfeiting to racketeering," he said. "You don't convict anyone. You just decide whether or not they should be sent to trial."

"They would call on Friday and say that I needed to be up there by Monday. I just never knew. I even got a chance to meet Robert Kennedy."

In 1967 Greninger left the bank. He returned in 1968 and has worked there since.

In 1972 he helped the bank set up its first marketing department, and in 1974 he was promoted to vice president of operations.

Greninger manages to tie his work in with the College when the bank looks for new personnel.

"We try to hire part-time students from Southern," he said. "A lot of times they develop into a full-time position."

Greninger sees Southern as an improving institution.

"As they get more alumni, we'll become a stronger and stronger school," he said.

"I've seen the College grow from a little bit of nothing to what it is now. It's something to show guests when they come to town."



Harry Greninger

## Bank supports Southern Mercantile Company contributes scholarships

Sponsoring scholarships, donations to organizations, and providing bank employees with Lionbacker memberships are examples of the financial support that First National Mercantile Bank and Trust Company provides for Missouri Southern.

The bank provides seven employees with membership to the Lionbackers.

"We also encourage our employees to support Southern," said Lewann Sowersby, vice president in charge of marketing and training. "We feel this is one way we can do some supporting."

Mercantile Bank also purchases the first 100 tickets to the annual basketball Lionbacker Classic. The tickets are then given to area high schools to allow their athletes to see the Lions free of charge.

"We don't just support the sports," Sowersby said. "We give scholarships, too. We pick the athletes because that is an integral part of Southern."

According to Sowersby, the bank is giving \$50,000 to the Missouri Southern

Foundation over the next five years.

One reason the bank makes donations such as these to Southern is because a number of bank employees are graduates or current students of Southern.

"There are about 10 or 11 here," Sowersby said. "A lot of students are tellers. Some are now bank officers. We have several who are employed full-time, while some of the current students work part-time for us."

Sowersby said the current employees come from backgrounds in marketing and management, data processing, and other business-related fields.

"We feel like Southern and Missouri (Columbia) are on equal ground as far as graduates go," said Harry Greninger, vice president of operations.

Preston Pate, president and chief executive officer, said the bank is a large Southern supporter for several reasons.

"The bank has made substantial contributions to the College," Pate said. "We want to see the College do well."

Mercantile Bank also makes substantial contributions to city organizations such as the Boy Scouts, the Joplin Family Y, and the Ozark Public Telecommunications.

"We help support all those groups too, but Southern is the one we contribute to in the greatest degree," said Sowersby.

She said the bank believes it is making a worthwhile contribution and spending its money well by putting it into the College.

## Local bank dates back to 1882

Receiving a charter in 1882, First National Mercantile Bank began official operations in Joplin.

Since then the banks of Joplin have been involved in several mergers, takeovers, and consolidations.

The most recent of these major changes in Joplin banking occurred in August 1986 when three Joplin banks became one.

According to Don Miller, executive vice president, the merger of Community National Mercantile Bank, First National Mercantile Bank and Trust Company, and Merchants and Miners Mercantile Bank of Webb City were brought together to provide better service.

"We had three separate banks serving an area where we had a lot of duplicated services," Miller said. "We could deliver our services at a lesser cost to the customer."

"We (the three banks) were all owned by the same people anyway."

Miller said the merger was also beneficial to the new bank, First National Mercantile Bank and Trust Company.

"The merger gave us branch locations all over Joplin and in Webb City," he said. "We didn't need three bookkeeping departments. There were fewer regulatory reports, and the smaller banks could offer the same services as the larger banks."

"The customer can bank at any of the locations in the city."

Lewann Sowersby, vice president of marketing and training, said money was the major reason for the merger.

"If you're more efficient, you make more money. You get to spend more money, and it ends up benefitting everything," said Sowersby.

The merger brought nearly 190 employees into one, merged banking system. The bank has seven locations with an eighth to be completed in August.

Mercantile Bank is one of five banking chains in Joplin.

Before the merger in 1986, the bank was involved in several changes within its own system.

Following its original state charter, the Miners Bank saw its first major change when it was taken over by the Conqueror First National Bank in 1930. The bank changed its name to First National Bank of Joplin four years later.

In 1952 the bank consolidated with the Joplin National Bank and Trust Company, retaining its name with the offices at 402 Main in Joplin.

The bank went through a name change in 1971, now calling itself the First National Bank and Trust Company of Joplin.

A St. Louis banking company, Mercantile Bank Corporation, bought the bank in October 1983.

The merger in 1986 gave the bank its current name.

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## Committee investigates smoking policy

As co-chairperson of the Student Senate Smoking Committee, I can answer a few of the questions raised in last week's editorial about the campus smoking policy.

Last fall the Student Senate Grievance Committee received a number of complaints regarding the large amount of smoke present in hallways and other places on campus. Some expressed concern that secondhand smoke could impair their health. Others disliked the foul odor secondhand smoke left on clothes.

Responding to the complaints, Student Senate conducted a poll asking student opinion on this and other issues. Of those questioned, 68 per cent favored restricting smoking on campus. Senate President Lance Adams appointed Mary Floyd, a smoker, and me, a nonsmoker, to co-chair a committee to further investigate the issue. We discovered that current school policy already restricted smoking but was unenforced, as evidenced by the many ashtrays present in supposedly restricted areas. Our committee wrote a memorandum to the administration requesting that the smoking policy be taken seriously. We also suggested that additional areas (such as restrooms) be changed to nonsmoking zones.

## Students request consideration of others

To the Editor,

A situation has recently developed which has many of us smoking students concerned.

As we approached our favorite tables last Friday, we noticed a new no smoking sign posted in the area adjacent to the food service line itself.

This came as a great surprise to us since we had no prior notice that such an action was being considered.

Upon an initial investigation, a few offices responsible for the administration of the Billingsly Student Center had denied responsibility or knowledge that this action had occurred [sic].

Further investigation has shown that what had actually happened was that apparently an individual walking out of the food service area was offended by the smell of tobacco smoke. This person took

the right of others to have a smoke-free environment. Practically all campus buildings still have areas reserved for smoking.

Like anything else, the revamped smoking policy will take time to become accustomed to and surely accidental violations will occur until the nonsmoking zones become well-publicized. With understanding from both sides, however, the smoking regulations can benefit all involved. The nonsmokers will have a healthy, smoke-free environment. The smokers will be able to smoke in a specified area, confident that their smoking is not bothering others. In the end, the courtesy of smokers, not a penal policy, will enforce the smoking restrictions and create a more productive atmosphere for all.

Senate requested that the smoking policy be enforced not to restrict the privilege of students to smoke (like a high school policy does), but to protect

the right of others to have a smoke-free environment. Practically all campus buildings still have areas reserved for smoking.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Harvill

What provisions have been made for enforcement and penalties?

Why were the rules of due process ignored?

Why have the smoking and nonsmoking areas been so arbitrarily divided?

Is the Student Senate prepared to pass rulings against the public displays of affection (i.e. the live sex shows we are occasionally treated to in the hall and lounge areas) or the wearing of heavy perfumes some of us find offensive?

If the Student Senate is not prepared to answer these questions, then we strongly urge that they consider rescinding this unfair ruling.

Sincerely Yours,  
Signed by 11 different people



First National Mercantile Bank has been serving Joplin for over 100 years. The bank has been involved in takeovers, consolidations, and mergers throughout its history.

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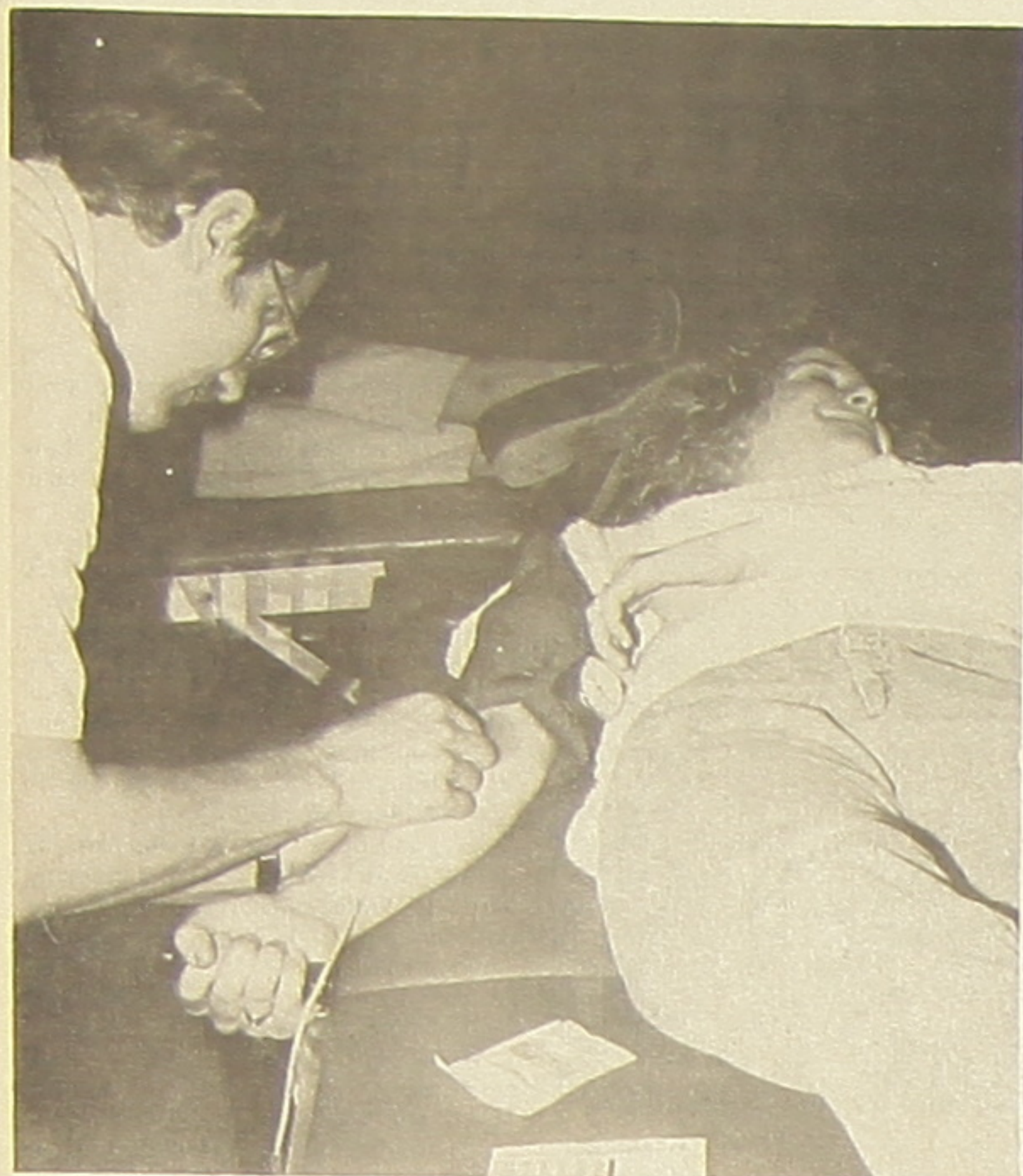


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**Gives blood** Crissy Hamsher donates a pint of blood during Monday's bloodmobile visit. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

## Club desires increased membership

Although the Communications Club has been active in the past, this semester has proved to be a challenge to get students involved.

"There is a lack of student interest," said Dr. Allen Merriam, associate professor of communications and faculty adviser of the group. "The students are so involved in off-campus things, work and such, that it is hard for them to make time for on-campus groups. I would like to see more members."

"I would especially like to see more freshmen and sophomore members since they will carry the club in the future," said Nancy Putnam, president of the club.

The main activities for the spring

semester are the annual communications department banquet and the awarding of the "Excellence in Communications" scholarship.

The banquet, which will be held in May, is an annual event sponsored by the club. Speeches are made and sometimes humorous awards are presented. As they retire, departmental faculty members are often honored during the banquet.

"Last year they made fun of my ties," said Merriam. "But it's all in fun."

The "Excellence in Communications" scholarship will be awarded at the banquet. The \$200 scholarship has been awarded twice in the past. In 1986 it was presented in honor of Ella Massa and the

late Colombo Massa, parents of Richard Massa, head of the communications department. JoAnn Hollis was the recipient of the scholarship. In 1985 the award was presented in honor of Cletis Headlee for her contributions to the department.

The recipient of the award is determined by the senior members of the club on the basis of academics and the student's contributions to the campus and the department.

Officers are Nancy Putnam, president; Teresa Merrill, vice president; and Melanie Hicks, secretary/treasurer.

Students interested in joining may contact Merriam at his office in the Mansion, Room 108.

## College hosts day for area students

With the theme "Liberty, Rights, and Responsibilities in History," the College is to host a campus observance of the National History Day March 13-14.

The theme focuses on the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution which will occur in the fall.

Students in grades six through 12 from 25 different area schools will be participating in the activities of the two-day event. History Day at Missouri Southern forms district six of the state competition. Counties in district six include Barry, Barton, Cedar, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, and Vernon. Missouri has 12 district contests, which

are held at different institutions in the state.

Competitions during the two days include the categories of historical papers, individual or group projects, performances, and media presentations. Presentations and displays may involve use of maps, drawings, models, lectures, dramatizations, and other such things.

The highest entries from each category at the district contests are eligible for the state competitions. The Missouri state contest will be held Saturday, April 25 at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The top two entries from each category at the state level will be able to advance to the nationals, which will be held at the

University of Maryland-College Park.

As during 1986's History Day at Southern, members of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association will be present to hold a mock battle, featuring full cavalry. The battle will commence at noon Saturday, March 14 on the grounds south of the Billingsly Student Center. The reenactors will form a camp on those grounds Friday, March 13. This camp will be open to the public.

This year participants of History Day will have the opportunity to set up their display entries within the Northpark Mall from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday.

## Group exists for social, civic aspects

### National Sigma Nu fraternity dates back to time of the Civil War

By Dave Green  
Staff Writer

Originally founded by three veterans of the Civil War, Sigma Nu can trace its roots as far back as to the days immediately following that war.

"It was conceived as a fraternity against hate," said Jeff Barkley, former president of the Sigma Nu fraternity at Missouri Southern.

At present, the group is more oriented toward the social and civic aspects of the modern world.

"We are foremost a social fraternity," said Barkley. "It is the kind of group where you can make friends for life."

Friendships are not limited to just those made at the local chapters of the group.

"As a Sigma Nu, you can go anywhere and be welcome in any other Sigma Nu house," said Barkley. "As a matter of fact, there was a Sigma Nu from Oregon who was passing through here on a hitchhiking

trip, and we let him stay with us for a few days.

"It's that way for any Sigma Nu in any part of the country."

Sigma Nu is also involved with various civic activities in the Joplin area.

"We've done some fund-raising for several local charities," he said. "Last year we participated in the race for multiple sclerosis, and we also worked on a clothing drive. We gathered about two truckloads of clothing and donated them to the Salvation Army here in town."

According to Barkley, some of the proceeds from the spookhouse, which was sponsored by Sigma Nu at the old Miner's Ice building, were also donated to charity. Some goals of the group for the future include solving its housing problem.

"We had a house before that we were renting," said Barkley. "But one of the guys trashed one of the upstairs apartments, and the landlord said we had to go."

"I would really like to see an effort made to raise money so we could have our

own lodge," he said. "This would not only guarantee members a place of their own to meet, but also allow them to raise funds by renting the facilities to other groups for their activities."

Another thing Barkley said he would like to see is a strengthening of the Greek system on campus.

"It is virtually non-existent at Southern, especially since the Kappa Alphas lost their charter," he said. "I believe strongly enough in the Greek system to know that all students as well as frats would benefit from having a strong system."

Sigma Nu members come from a variety of backgrounds forming a melting pot of different interests and experiences.

"It's a pretty diverse bunch of guys," said Barkley. "We've got jocks, brains, and non-traditionals. One of our pledges last semester was 25 years old."

The local chapter of 22 members is affiliated with the national organization of 182 chapters and has a national membership of around 8,000.

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## Upcoming Events

	Today			
	National Assoc. of Accountants Film 11 a.m. Matthews Hall room 208	CAB Meeting 3 p.m. BSC 310	Newman Club 5 p.m. BSC 311	Movie 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom <b>THE BRIDE</b>
	Tomorrow			
	Narcotics Anonymous noon BSC 306			Baseball double-header vs. Lubbock Christian 1:30 p.m., here
	Weekend			
	Recital Joplin Piano Teachers 1 p.m. Sunday Phinney Hall	"Greensleeves' Magic" 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Taylor Auditorium \$1 gen. admission	Baseball vs. Lubbock Christian 1:30 p.m. Sat. 2 p.m. Sun. here	
	Monday			
		CAB Birthday Party 10:30 a.m. Lions' Den		Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311
	Tuesday			
	Baseball double-header vs. William Jewell 1:30 p.m. away	FILMS	Mo. Southern Film Society "The Passenger" & "The War Game" 7:30 p.m. Connor Ballroom	
	Wednesday			
	Alcoholics Anonymous noon BSC 313	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. BSC 310		St. Patrick's Day Dance 9-12 p.m. Lions' Den

### MID-TERM CLASSES

Course Title	Credit	Hour	Days	Instructor
Prin. of Accounting I	3	1-2:15	M-Th	Huey
Air Conditioning	3	8-8:50	MTWF	Adams
Air Conditioning Lab		8-11:50	Th	Adams
Oral Communications	3	1-2:00	DAILY	Bodon
Practicum (Brdcstng)*	1	TBA	TBA	Clark
Practicum (Publctns)*	1	TBA	TBA	Stebbins
Adv Prac (Brdcstng)**	2	TBA	TBA	Clark
Adv Prac (Publctns)**	2	TBA	TBA	Stebbins
Intro Micro Use	3	4-5:50	MWF	Cragin
Firearms & Legal Asp.	3	3-5:30	M-Th	Williams
Firearms Lab		TBA	TBA	Williams
College Rdg Tech	2	10-10:50	M-Th	Dursky
Freshman Comp II	3	1-1:50	DAILY	Preble
Legal Aspects■	1	9-9:50	MWF	Kleindl
Human Relations■	1	10-10:50	MWF	Kleindl
Mchndls/Inv Plan■	1	12-12:50	MWF	Kleindl
U.S. Hist 1492-1877	3	2-3:15	M-Th	Smith
Intro to Law Enf	3	1-2:15	M-Th	Spurlin
Military Team Skills	2	8-8:50	MW	Hellams
Mil. Team Skills Lab		1-2:50	W	Dobbs
Indiv. Military Skills	2	10-10:50	TTh	Hellams
Ind. Military Skills Lab		1-2:50	W	Whitworth
Music Appreciation	3	8-9:00	DAILY	Elliott
Music Appreciation	3	10-11:00	DAILY	Havely
Keyboarding	1	1-1:50	TTh	Culwell
Essential Physics Skills	3	2-30-3:45	M-Th	Phillips
Ind. Stu-Meteorology	3	TBA	TBA	Elick
Govt-U.S.State&Local	3	2-3:15	M-Th	Yates
Self-Aware./Career Plan	1	10-10:50	MW	Vermillion
General Psychology	3	2-3:15	M-Th	Volksay
Intro to Sociology	3	1-2:15	M-Th	Sheets
Theatre Lab	1	9-11:00	TTh	Claussen
Theatre Lab	1	10-12:00	TTh	Claussen
Theatre Lab	1	1-3:00	TTh	Claussen
Theatre Lab	1	2-3:50	TTh	Claussen
Drafting-Spec. Topics	2	6-10:00	W	Staff
Human Relations■	1	6:30-9:15	T	Kleindl
Mchndls/Inv Plan■	1	6:30-9:15	Th	Kleindl
Self-Aware./Career Plan	1	6:30-8:45	Th	Vermillion
Short Story✓	3	4-6:45	MTh	Marlowe

\* Student must work at least 10 hours per week

\*\* Student must work at least 20 hours per week

■ Class begins April 2

✓ Class meets at St. John's Medical Center

Registration for these courses will be held Today and Tomorrow, March 5-6, in the Registrar's Office lobby in Hearn Hall, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Classes begin the week of March 9.



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## Directing requires hard work

Seeing the finished product of many hours of hard work is the thrill of directing, according to Linden Taylor and Janet Kemm, two student-directors of Studio 87-II.

Kemm, director of the play "The Actor's Nightmare," said that directors spend so much time on a play that when they finally see the finished product it is amazing and thrilling.

"The best part of directing is working with something for so long and then seeing it come to life," said Taylor, who directs the play "Home At Six."

Taylor, a 1976 graduate of Memorial High School, said his interest for the theatre was sparked by his high school theatre teacher.

"My teacher was great," said Taylor. "He made it fun to be in the plays, and if you are having fun you are more likely to give it your all."

According to Kemm, also a graduate of Memorial, she became interested in theatre through music.

"I have had other experience with directing other than this class," said Kemm. "For the past two summers I have been the dramatics counselor for a children's camp in upstate New York."

"We directed one-act plays with children," she said. "It is definitely different than working with college students."

There are also many important aspects of directing.

Kemm and Taylor both agree it is important to have an understanding of people when directing.

"The director has final say of what takes place on stage," said Kemm. "It's a big responsibility, and we have to work around many obstacles."

"Some situations occur that we have to be prepared to handle," Taylor said. "And you have to have an understanding of people to deal with it."

Kemm and Taylor have good things to say about the theatre department at Missouri Southern.

"Mr. [Milt] Brietzke has been a tremendous help to us and our directing," said Taylor. "We couldn't do any of this without him. He is a great man who is always willing to help the students in his classes."

"We get to experience all different aspects of theatre, from lighting to directing to performing to costuming," said Kemm.

"In this department you make your own possibilities," she said. "Some people can go through their whole college career and never do some of the things concerned with theatre, and others will do a little of everything."

The plays for Studio 87-I will be performed March 26-27 and the Studio 87-II plays will be presented May 1-2.



**Paints** Dawn Ehrenberg finds the time to help with the painting of sets and props for the theatre department's upcoming plays. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

## Art Center schedules trip

Tour will include 'Rameses the Great' exhibit

Exhibits, museums, and sight seeing are included in the trip to Memphis planned by the Spiva Art Center.

The trip includes the "Rameses the Great" exhibit, a tour of the Memphis Brooks Museum, a visit to the Victorian Village with 18 landmark buildings preserved, restored or under renovation, and dinner and performance at Gaslight theatre. The tour leaves at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 23, and returns around 6 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

"Rameses the Great" Exhibition is on loan from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, and is the largest assemblage of Egypt's national treasures to ever visit the United States. Rameses II, the last great warrior-pharaoh, ruled Egypt for 66 years beginning in 1279 B.C. The exhibit includes crafted gold jewelry, the first known clock

in the world, funerary artifacts (including Rameses' coffin lid), painted papyrus reliefs, and other objects representing scenes of ancient Egyptian civilization.

The cost of the trip is \$215 for Spiva members and \$255 for non-members. A deposit of \$50 is due by March 15, with the balance due April 15. The cost includes three nights at the Sheraton Memphis Hotel, admission to the Rameses Exhibit, the Brooks Museum and the Victorian Village as well as dinner at Captain Bilbo's, and an evening at the Gaslight Theatre.

Interested persons may call Spiva at 623-0183 for more information or to reserve a place on the tour. Reservation with name, address, phone, and \$50 deposit should be mailed to Spiva at Newman and Duquesne Roads, Joplin, MO 64801.

## Southern displays art

Exhibit will continue through March 22

Spiva Art Center's exhibition of watercolors by Eliot O'Hara will continue through March 22.

The display opened at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Fifty works currently on display span O'Hara's career from 1924-1969. Since his death in 1969, interest in his work has continued to grow as museums and private collectors have acquired his paintings.

In June 1957, O'Hara conducted the first artist's workshop ever offered by Spiva. Students from all over the United States came to study with O'Hara, because his reputation as an artist had been established in the mid-1920's.

By 1960 he had won 18 prizes and many awards, juried the most important group watercolor exhibitions in the coun-

try, and was represented in the collections of public museums around the nation.

O'Hara opened his school at Goose Rocks Beach, Maine, in 1931, and in 1932 published *Making Watercolor Behave*, the first of his eight books on the aspects of watercolor techniques.

Being a traveler, he painted on all the world's continents. Reflecting many of the scenes from those travels, are the works in the exhibit. A strong sense of light and color are hallmarks of his works.

The exhibit is supported by a grant from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and is free of charge. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## Polish film to be shown

Filmed on a luxury liner bound for Germany, the award-winning Polish film, *The Passenger*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Also showing will be the British semi-documentary, *The War Game*. In this film, an attractive blonde, recently married abroad, becomes panic stricken when she recognizes a Polish girl passenger. It turns out that the blonde was an SS guard in the Auschwitz concentration camp and the passenger she recognizes was a prisoner in the same camp. Flashbacks depict two different versions of the guard's relationship to the prisoner: as she explains it to her husband, and as it actually was.

Andrzej Munk, director of *The Passenger*, was still working on the film

when he was killed in an automobile accident in 1961. Witold Lesiewicz, Munk's friend and colleague, edited the incomplete footage into a fascinating film which had its American premiere at the second New York Film Festival in 1964.

*The War Game* poses the consequences of a possible nuclear holocaust in England. Employing amateur actors and a newsreel visual style, director Peter Watkins keeps this modern horror story on a human level. The film received the Academy Award as "Best Documentary of 1965."

This is the 10th program in the 25th annual International Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

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without an invasion of the yearbook staff—but it gets worse.

Separating the two offices are two doors which are kept locked when the school is closed. Due to our lack of time we are often forced to work on the weekends. We have no problem with this except for the fact that material we need to work usually ends up being locked on the other side. We tried calling security to unlock it and they did. We were very appreciative until they came back and locked it again without telling us. (Yes, the things we needed were once again behind locked doors.)

Now we're down to the lack of photographs. Too many times people were in the office and willing to work, but I didn't have anything for them to do because no photos had been turned in and I didn't have time to shoot, develop, and print all the photos we needed. Although I have contended with these things for several months now, my worst fear is yet to be faced.

Mistakes. There are always a few mistakes that slip through the hands of the staff. Although we make every attempt to make sure all material is factual and accurate, we don't know everything or everyone on campus. Some people and events will probably be left out, misspelled, or misplaced. I'm sure I will hear from many of these individuals when the book finally arrives in the hands of the students, faculty, and staff. But that's only fair seeing that the contents are my responsibility.

All I can say at this point is that we have spent many long hours working on the publication of a book which is representative of the year's activities and are eagerly anticipating the first time we are able to see it in print. This is the first year that all full-time students automatically receive a yearbook, so our audience is larger than ever. I sincerely hope that the 1986-87 *Crossroads* is well accepted because we have worked very hard to make a book all will enjoy.

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## Coming Attractions

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	Mickey Gilley tomorrow Patti's Place	'The Revival' A tribute to CCR tomorrow & Sat. Uptown Theatre Kansas City	Johnny Mathis with the Kansas City Symphony March 13 & 14	Ozark Mountain Daredevils March 27 Uptown Theatre
Tulsa	Vienna Choir Boys Saturday Mabee Center	EXHIBITS	Patrick Street Sunday Williams Theatre	Renbourn & Grossman 'guitar masters' Sunday Williams Theatre
	'The Marriage of Figaro' March 7, 12 & 14 Tulsa Opera	Michael Martin Murphy March 17 Brady Theatre (918)585-3100	PLAYS	
JOPLIN	Southern Trio tomorrow Phinney Hall		Close to here	Schoenfield Duo 'a classical legend' March 14 Bartlesville



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Brian Estes

## Estes responsible for printing

Pressman enjoys variety of duties; feels important to like work

By Sherry Crumbliss  
Chart Reporter

By operating a printing press, Brian Estes makes information at Missouri Southern accessible.

"We print the class handouts and office forms for the College," said Estes, pressman for Southern.

Estes is responsible for the technical part of the printing.

"Brian keeps the machinery running," said Ron Foster, director of office services, "and that allows me to do other jobs."

Estes went to Pittsburg State University for his training, receiving an associate degree in printing technology.

He enjoys a job that includes a variety of duties. At Southern that includes doing the requested printing, sorting incoming and outgoing mail, and even selling stamps to students.

"It's important to find something you like," said Estes, "and I like Southern because it has a family atmosphere."

Estes has done more for the College than just his job. In 1978 he donated his record collection to the school library.

"I did it for the students who live on campus," Estes said, "so they would have something to do when they have to stay here."

His collection includes albums by Lou Reed, Pink Floyd, The Beatles, and Paul McCartney and Wings.

"I still check them out myself," said Estes.

Besides listening to music, he also is a part-time musician. He plays the drums and considers himself a "percussionist." He plays rock and dixieland jazz, but he said he prefers rock.

first set of drawing tools.

"My family ranks number one with me," said Estes.

He does not mind doing the housecleaning, something he said his mother trained him for. He also enjoys cooking, especially Chinese foods.

"My father-in-law used to own a Chinese restaurant, and he taught me how to cook it," said Estes.

**"It's important to find something you like, and I like Southern because it has a family atmosphere."**

—Brian Estes, pressman

## Frequent changes make job a variety

By Matt Moran  
Chart Reporter

Keeping up with the changes in policy and processing of financial aid make Kelly Binns' job one which varies day to day.

"It's never dull around here," said Binns, financial aid and admissions counselor at Missouri Southern. "There's always something new going on."

schools.

"We present general information about financial aid and the changes that come up," she said. "Then we provide information about Missouri Southern and we answer questions from the students."

Using computer programs in the processing of student aid will help her department to be "more organized."

"It will save us pencil and paper time," she said.

**"I take pride in the fact that I was one of the first five communications graduates. The instructors challenged us to make it work."**

—Kelly Binns, financial aids/admissions

Recent changes in the Pell Grant program and preparation of financial aid workshops in area high schools represent projects in which she is currently involved. Another is the organization of student information on computer programs.

"It's getting harder to get money," said Binns, referring to changes in student aid programs. She explained that the minimum grade-point average for the Pell Grant is changing from 1.6 to 2.0. Another change is in the income levels used to base need for Guaranteed Student Loans.

Such changes create a need for the workshops that are conducted at 47 high

Binns graduated from Southern in 1983 with a degree in communications. She and four other students that year were the first ones at the College to receive communications degrees.

"I take pride in the fact that I was one of the first five communications graduates," she said. "The instructors challenged us to make it work."

Before settling in this general area, Binns moved several times during her childhood as she was an "Army brat." After living in places such as Atlanta and Claremore, Okla., her family settled in Mount Vernon, Mo., where she graduated from high school.

After high school, Binns traveled to Germany as an exchange student for a year.

"I lived with a family that owned clothing stores," she said. "I worked in the stores, and people would come in to laugh at my German."

Summing up her experiences in Germany, Binns said, "I got to do something that not many people get to do, and I'm grateful for that."

Prior to her employment at Southern, which started in June, she was employed by You Communications in Joplin. Her husband, Scott Binns, is a promotions manager at KOAM-TV and a student at Southern. The couple recently bought their first house on the outskirts of Galena, Kan., and fixing the house up serves as their main source of interest outside their careers.

"After hectic days at work, it's relaxing for us to put on blue jeans and work on our home," said Binns.

Besides working on her house, she enjoys auctions, flea markets, and her "family," which includes her dogs, cat, chickens, and draft horses.

Binns' goals at present are to grow with Southern and possibly pursue a master's degree at Pittsburg State University. She enjoys the job she does and does not hesitate to praise her alma mater.

"I can't say enough good things about Southern," said Binns. "This college has given me a lot."



Kelly Binns

## Cagle hopes to share 'specific techniques'

Elementary education teacher's goal is to provide appropriate model

By Ja Anna Spears  
Chart Reporter

Wanting to assist future elementary and secondary teachers is what brought Dr. Betty Cagle to Missouri Southern.

"I want to share specific techniques that will assist future teachers in becoming effective teachers," said Cagle, assistant professor of elementary education. "I hope to emphasize learning as a lifelong effort, and I expect them to convey this to their students."

Cagle's major goal is to provide an appropriate model for future teachers and to assist them in dealing with students when they enter the teaching field.

She comes from a family of educators. Her brother is a high school principal and her sister is an elementary school principal. Her husband, Warren, teaches mathematics and science at Neosho Junior High. As a senior in high school, Cagle decided to pursue a teaching career.

Cagle has pursued many avenues as an educator. She has been a regular classroom teacher, taught remedial reading, and has been a principal. Cagle has also been an education resource teacher, assistant to the superintendent, and has taught summer sessions and off-campus classes at Pittsburg State University since 1978.

At Southern, Cagle teaches Secondary Reading, Elementary Language Arts, Early Childhood Curriculum and Materials, and Micro-teaching.

Her advice to education majors: "Make every effort to determine the application for the information you are receiving at Southern as this will be critical for success when you graduate and join the work field."

When Cagle first started teaching, she felt a real "need" to know more about educating young people. The more Cagle went to school, the more she wanted to know. This led to her degrees. From Drury College she received her bachelor

of arts degree in 1963. In 1969 she earned her master of science degree from FSU. She received her Ph.D. in education from the University of Arkansas in 1985.

Cagle, who has been at Southern for one semester, has not had many problems dealing with her students.

"I have high expectations of my students. I try to be fair," she said. "I expect them to turn the papers in on time."

"When a person begins his teaching career, he should make every use of possible resources, not speaking of materials, but of people, other educators," Cagle says to future teachers. "Never leave college feeling you have all the information needed to be a teacher. You now have a ticket to enable you to begin a life-long career in learning."

"So don't feel embarrassed or afraid to go to peers for ideas and advice, go back to your college professor for ideas, and to your administrator for assistance and support."

## Brattin receives grant to revise doctoral dissertation

Receiving a grant of \$10,000 from the American Council of Learned Society (ACLS), Dr. Joel Brattin, assistant professor of English, will begin the tenure of the grant by taking seven months off during 1988 to revise and expand his doctoral dissertation.

Brattin will be working on the tenure from June 1, 1988, through the end of that year. Therefore, he will not be teaching

during the 1988 fall semester.

His dissertation involves examining the works of Charles Dickens. *Our Mutual Friend*, a novel by Dickens, has been Brattin's main interest.

The revision of his dissertation will be formed into a book, *Reading Between the Lines: Interpreting Dickens' Manuscripts*. At present Brattin's book examines five of Dickens' 15 works. These include: *Little*

*Dorrit*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Great Expectations*, *Our Mutual Friend*, and *Edwin Drood*.

The application for the grant entailed the listing of personal awards received and articles and works published. The ACLS award is predominately designed for the humanistic disciplines, including social sciences, English, and philosophy.



Betty Cagle



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## Fantasy folktale comes to Southern

**G**reensleeves' Magic, the second play in the Missouri Southern theatre department's children's play program, will be performed Saturday and Sunday in Taylor Auditorium.

This fantasy folktale comes to town for two matinee performances at 3 p.m.

The play takes place in a kingdom far away on princess Miranda's 18th birthday. An evil Grand Duchess with magical powers has forced everyone to be unhappy and miserable.

The Duchess has the Queen locked in the tower, and the King becomes a slave to the Duchess. The three princesses are guarded night and day by the strongest men in the country, while the peasants are forbidden to laugh or sing and are bowed down in drudgery and toil.

Into this land of darkness comes a

strange young man named Greensleeves, played by Todd Webber, singing a happy tune and possessing the powers of dance and laughter. The Duchess' power is shaken. She orders a search to capture the young man and destroy him.

Marian Jonson weaves the original folktale through a titanic battle between the Forces of Evil and the powers of happiness and goodness. The grand Duchess can enlist everyone in the land to face their unhappiness with a song in their hearts. Will they succeed? Will the forces of darkness be broken in the magic kingdom? Only the final scene of the play will tell.

The play is directed by Trij Brietzke. Appearing in the cast are Brad J. Ellefsen as the King and Elizabeth Bemo as the Queen. The three princesses are Gina A.

Robbins as Miranda, Laurie Jesse as Matilda, and DuWana Cargile as Mary.

Janet Kemm portrays the evil Grand Duchess. Fitzneese, her henchman, is played by Douglas Hill. The Farmer, the Tailor, and the very bashful Sailor are played by Don Hovis, Joe Pease, and Lindy Taylor.

Dawn M. Ehrenberg, Christine Franco, Jerry Cooper, and Tim D. Burton will be seen in the roles of Mae, Cass, Cal, and Dan.

Admission for the play is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. Groups of 10 or more may reserve seats by calling 625-9393.

No passes will be accepted, and there will be no free admission to Southern students.



(Counter-clockwise from top right) Todd Webber, Greensleeves, talks with the princess, portrayed by Gina Robbins. Laurie Jesse and DuWana Cargile listen to Doug Hill. Christine Franco, Joe Pease, and Dawn Ehrenberg perform in one of the dances in the play. Janet Kemm and Doug Hill plot against Greensleeves. The King, played by Brad Ellefsen, ponders his next move while the Queen, Elizabeth Bemo, looks on. Kemm, Bemo, Robbins, Jesse, and Cargile hold a group discussion. Robbins and Bemo have a heart-to-heart talk.

Photos

by

Rick Evans





# The sports scene

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## Tonight's Game:

**District 16 championship Mo. Southern at Drury (7:30)**

## How they got there:

Mo. Southern def. Evangel, 85-68; def. William Jewell, 100-96. Drury def. School of the Ozarks, 97-70; def. SW Baptist, 85-75.

## Season records:

Mo. Southern (19-12) Drury (24-6)

## Against each other:

Drury leads the overall series 23-17, but Mo. Southern has won four of the last five meetings.

## Starting Lineups: (Mo. Southern)

**Chris Tuggle:** 6-3 sr. forward (21.4 average)  
**Marvin Townsend:** 6-7 sr. center (19.8 avg.)  
**Reggie Grantham:** 6-0 sr. guard (15.7 avg.)  
**Dwight McGlothlin:** 6-6 jr. forward (11.3 avg.)  
**Willie Laster:** 6-1 sr. guard (9.5 avg.)  
(Drury College)

**Ted Young:** 6-0 senior guard (19.0 average)  
**Tony King:** 6-6 junior center (12.9 average)  
**Mike Blakeslee:** 6-5 sr. forward (11.9 average)  
**Warren Smith:** 6-4 fr. forward (6.9 average)  
**Chuck Allen:** 6-4 fr. guard (4.7 average)



## Coaching records:

**Chuck Williams (MSSC)**

1977-78	27-9
1978-79	11-18
1979-80	12-19
1980-81	23-10
1981-82	15-15
1982-83	20-9
1983-84	15-14
1984-85	10-18
1985-86	20-11
1986-87	19-12
Totals	172-135

**Marvin Walker (Drury)**

1980-81	19-12
1981-82	18-12
1982-83	22-12
1983-84	24-8
1984-85	26-10
1985-86	25-10
1986-87	24-6
Totals	158-70

## Scoring Leaders All-time at MSSC:

1. Greg Garton 2,140
2. Carl Tyler 1,902
3. John Thomas 1,776
4. Russell Bland 1,271
5. Marvin Townsend 1,116
6. Chris Tuggle 1,043
7. Roland Martin 981
8. Bill Wagner 949
9. Cicero Lassiter 899
10. Reggie Grantham 825

## Lions battle Drury for district crown

Winner advances to national tourney

Seeking a berth in the NAIA national tournament and a District 16 championship, the Lions battle the Drury College Panthers at 7:30 tonight in Springfield.

The winner of the contest will represent the district next Wednesday or Thursday night in Kansas City. Southern fans are using a theme of "Going to Kansas City" to promote support for the team.

The Lions, 19-12, come off a wild 100-96 overtime victory against William Jewell College Tuesday night.

Southern's 100-point performance was led by senior forward Chris Tuggle, who scored 38 points and broke a school record by sinking 20 free throws. Senior guard Reggie Grantham added 25 points.

"We were going to try to make Southern beat us from the outside," said William Jewell coach Larry Holley said. "We just hurt ourselves so bad with bad passes and poor ball handling. They beat us with transition baskets."

While Holley was disappointed in his team's performance, Southern coach Chuck Williams was satisfied with his team's play.

"We had a great effort," Williams said. "It was a great game between two good teams."

According to Marvin Walker, head coach of Drury, Southern will not be at a disadvantage tonight playing in the Panthers' Weiser Gymnasium. Drury is 17-1 playing at home, with the one loss coming to the Lions in December.

"It has nothing to do with where the game is being played," Walker

said. "We are looking forward to playing Southern. We think we can beat them."

While Walker thinks his team can beat the Lions, he realizes the Lions have done the beating this season. Southern defeated Drury 92-85 in Springfield and knocked the Panthers off 77-73 in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Holley, who said he favors the Lions in the district final, thinks the game should have been played in Joplin.

"I think they will go beat them," Holley said. "It (the Dunkel Rating) is just an unfortunate system. There is no way Southern should have to go there. It's tough to beat a team three times."

Williams believes offense will not be a problem for tonight's game.

"We can come at you from several directions," he said. "Tuggle, Grantham, [Marvin] Townsend—they can all score some."

Walker's Panthers go into tonight's game having won their last 12 games and 18 of their last 20. Despite the streak, Drury fell behind by as many as 15 points before winning its semifinal game over Southwest Baptist 85-75.

"We did not play one of our better games," Walker said. "It was a good win for us."

Tickets for the game are still available in the men's athletic department at Southern. Tickets are \$2 each. The Campus Activities Board is taking a "party bus" to the game at a cost of \$5 which includes the game ticket.



## On the boards

Junior forward Dwight McGlothlin (No. 34) battles Evangel for a rebound Saturday night. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

## Lions face weekend series

Gearing up for a weekend series with Lubbock Christian College, the Missouri Southern baseball Lions will try to avenge an earlier loss.

Last Saturday, the Chaparrals of Coach Jim Sankle used a fourth inning rally to carry them to an 8-5 victory over Southern. But this time the Lions will be in the familiar confines of Joe Becker Stadium, where they are scheduled for their home opener, a double-header, tomorrow at 1:30.

On Saturday, another double-header will start at 1:30 p.m., while Sunday's twin-bill begins at 2 p.m.

In last Saturday's rain-shortened six-inning game, Missouri Southern jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first inning. After the Chaparrals tallied a single run in their half of the first, the Lions went to work on the Lubbock hurler in the bottom of the inning.

Third baseman Colon Kelly set the table with a lead-off single. He then stole second base and, after Rick Berg was hit by a pitch, both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Catcher Joe Janiak then stroked a two-run single to put the Lions on the board. Center fielder Joe Majeski singled and second baseman Dale Rice was hit by a pitch to load the bases for right fielder Dennis Shanks, who drew a walk to push another run across. Left fielder Mark Handel was then hit by a pitch, scoring Majeski and closing out the scoring in the first.

## Southern receives mention in national magazine

By Tony Wilson  
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern's upset of Oklahoma State University is old news to most basketball fans in the four-state area.

The 81-75 victory, though sweet and set in the memory of all who are connected with Lions basketball, has been overtaken by an exciting conference season.

However, on the national level, where David and Goliath-type stories are always popular, the Southern showcase in Stillwater on

Jan. 7 continues to be talked about.

The most recent example of Southern's moment in the national spotlight came from the March 2 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

Curry Kirkpatrick, a well-known SI sports-journalist, refers to the upset in his article titled "Seems Like Everyone Has a Shot This Year."

"...The man has a point. Or maybe three. But, come on, Dean [Smith, North Carolina head coach], how could ESPN's *SportsCenter* continue to exist without a No. 1? Never mind that No. 1 Nevada-Las Vegas lost to

Oklahoma, which lost to TCU, which lost to Cal State Fullerton, which lost to Pacific, which lost to Wichita State, which lost to Drake, which lost to Creighton, which lost to Oklahoma State, which lost to Missouri Southern State. Missouri Southern State, by the way, is in Joplin but might as well be in Division XVII. People seldom confuse it with Missouri, Southern, Southwest Missouri State, Sul Ross State or Diana Ross State."

Although some affiliated with Lions basketball have considered laying claim to the non-existent Division XVII national champion-

ship, most have viewed the recent publicity as nothing more than a welcome but brief moment in the national sports spotlight.

No doubt the widespread recognition will provide some excitement on the recruiting trail, as Southern Head Coach Chuck Williams points out.

"This kind of thing gives us automatic credibility," said Williams. "When we say that we are a good small-college team and not far from the caliber of larger schools we now have proof...automatic credibility."

Williams believes that many

times top-rate performances by NAIA teams are overlooked on the national level because of the amount of attention dedicated to the larger schools.

"We take the recognition that we have received as complimentary," said Williams. "Not many small colleges ever get mentioned in *Sports Illustrated*. I'm glad they know we did it."

Assistant Coach Ron Ellis noticed a new excitement on the recruiting trail immediately following the January victory.

## Sidelines:

## Playoffs: It all comes down to money and profits

By Mark Ernstmann  
Sports Columnist

Before I get into my topic of the week, I would like to say just one thing—I told you so. I told you no one would ever make the four shots in the 30-second "halftime

giveaway." Though it was just an exhibition (no prize money awarded), the most qualified in the contest to date went



head-to-head Saturday night. They were defeated. Greg Garton, Missouri Southern's all-time scoring leader, and his dad both tried to make the required four baskets in just 30 seconds, and failed. (I still shake my head in disgust when I think about that contest).

Both gave it a good effort, making the first three baskets, and then finding time for only one attempt at the half-court shot. I think the only way to win it would be to start backwards. You have to make the half-court shot anyway, so why not take a couple attempts at it first. If by some miracle you make it, then you move in closer.

Anyway, in this space last week, Rob wrote about Dick Dunkel and his wonderful rating

system. Yes, it does seem like there is something wrong with the District 16 playoff system, but problems in playoff systems are not rare.

Consider major college basketball, if you will. This year, 64 teams will be invited to the NCAA post-season tournament. The number has risen from 32, to 48, and now to 64. Add to that the National Invitational Tournament and nearly 100 teams compete in post-season play. Kind of loses its specialness, doesn't it.

It's even to the point now that if your team is 0-30, and you win the conference tourney, you go to the playoffs. Why even have a regular season? Just have a huge double-elimination tournament and see who lasts the longest.

The same goes for professional hockey. Of the 21 teams in the National Hockey League, all but five make it to the playoffs. The season starts in October and runs through March, and the only thing that comes out of it is who gets home ice advantage.

Is this really what Lord Stanley had in mind? Why not just hold a huge double-elimination tournament and see who lasts the longest?

And don't make every playoff series the best four-out-of-seven. By the time the playoffs are over, it's time to start training camp for next season.

Now for professional basketball. It's similar to hockey—the entire regular season just determines who will have

home court advantage. Over half of the clubs make the playoffs, and it seems that over half of those have .500 or below records. The season starts in October and runs through March with the playoffs following. Don't make every playoff series the best four-out-of-seven. By the time the playoffs are over, it's time to start training camp for next season.

Now on to baseball. Its playoff system is just fine, I think. I can even stand the championship series being changed from five to seven games, but the one thing I think is wrong is the length of the season.

Our beloved "Boys of Summer" actually should be called the "Boys of Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall." Spring training starts in February (winter), the regular season starts in April (spring) and runs through June, July, August, and September (summer), and the season finally closes and the playoffs are held in October (winter). Why is it that a summer game must be played in March and October? Come on baseball fans, don't be so greedy.

Finally, let's take a look at college football. It doesn't even have a playoff system. Every year you hear complaints about who is the real national champion, and that some sort of playoff should be established. If a playoff system was established, no doubt someone like me would just gripe about it. So, damned if you do, and damned if you

don't.

What it comes down to is money and profits. The more teams that play, the more games there are. The more games there are, the more money there is. The rich get richer, and the

poor, well, we get to pay increased ticket prices, put up with TV timeouts, and feel sorry for Harry the home run hitter because he ONLY got \$1.2 million a year.

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